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DR. THOMAS McCRAE
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Dear Sir Robert - We hope to have my brother's poems published before long with an introduction or sketch by Sir Andrew Macphail. Some of the earlier poems were published in the student's paper - Variety - in his college days.

It has occurred to me that perhaps some permission should be obtained for using them. I do not know to whom one should apply for this. Perhaps you would be good enough to let me know if there should be any such steps taken. I cannot imagine that there would be any objection but it is well to have things done in order. My apologies for troubling you and with very kind regards -

Yours very sincerely
Thomas McCrae

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COLLIER C. GRANT, B.A.,
GENERAL SECRETARY-TREASURER

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November 19, 1918.

Sir Robert Falconer,
President,
University of Toronto,
Toronto.

Dear Mr. President:

In reply to your letter of even date regarding the use of poems of the late Lt. Col. John McCrae, would say that we have no objection to the use of those which appeared previously in THE VARSITY.

We are returning herewith Dr. Thos. McCrae's letter.

Yours respectfully,
STUDENTS ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL.

Collier C Grant
General Secretary-Treasurer. B

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November 21st, 1918

Dr. Thomas McCrae,
1627 Spruce Street,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Sir:

In the absence of Sir Robert Falconer in New York I beg to enclose a copy of a letter received from the Students Administrative Council now in control of the publication of "The Varsity". Sir Robert wrote about this to Mr. Grant before he left for New York.

Yours very truly,

President's Secretary.

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Sir Robert Falconer,

Toronto University,

Toronto, Ontario,

My dear Sir Robert:-

I have just heard from my sister, Mrs. J. F. Kilgor of Brandon, Manitoba, regarding the proposed memorial to my brother to take form in some association with Toronto University. If the donor insists on its being a Scholarship for some pupil from Guelph, of course there is nothing more to say. I feel, however, that it might be possible to establish something else which might be more appropriate and which I think would have appealed more to my brother.

One possibility is the establishment of a Fellowship. I do not know what salaries the Fellows are being paid at present. In my day it was $500. If this was to be established in Arts I should think it might well be in the Department of Biology, in which department my brother held the Fellowship at one time. However, in some ways it would be preferable to establish a Fellowship in Medicine, say in Internal Medicine perhaps, to be held for two years with the privilege of spending part of the time somewhere else than Toronto. I do not know whether there are many Fellowships in the Medical Department, but in any case I believe it would be more productive of results than the scheme of giving Scholarships.

The advisability of establishing a Lectureship is well worth consideration. It might be better to have it given once in two years, as in that way it should be more possible to obtain men of standing. If a Lectureship was established my feeling is that it would be more suitable in Medicine than in the Arts Department. I do not recall any such Lectureship in Toronto at present.

I can only act in an advisory capacity, but I should be glad to help in trying to influence the bequest towards the most useful employment. Personally the idea of a Fellowship in Medicine appeals most strongly.

With kind regards,

Yours very truly,

Thomas McCrae

January 24th, 1919

Dr. Thomas McCrae,

1627 Spruce Street,

Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Dr. McCrae:

I was very glad to get the letter from Mrs. Kilgour about a month ago stating that there was a possibility of a friend contributing a sum sufficient to commemorate the name of your brother in the University. I suggested to her that a lectureship, probably held every second year, might be a very effective method of carrying out the purpose of the donor. This would mean $1000 every second year. The lecturers should be chosen by the Faculty of Medicine, but probably regard should be had to the literary qualifications of the lecturer as well as to his scientific attainments, so that the lectures would appeal to more than medical students, and at the same time might enlarge the vision of the medical students themselves. For instance, if Sir William Osler could be induced to inaugurate the series he would set a standard for others and no one better could be found to speak in memory of your brother.

However, there is no reason why your suggestion as to a fellowship should not be carried out. At present our fellowships are $600 a year, though that amount is now too small considering the cost of living. Recently a very substantial

fellowship has been founded through the will of the late Dr. Julius Mickle, which is to be given to the best student in the graduating year in Medicine. Therefore a fellowship in memory of your brother should not come into competition with that final fellowship. I would suggest that it would be suitable to have a fellowship given in the Department of Pathology or Pathological Chemistry as he himself was so long associated with that department at least in McGill and his name is connected with pathological research. If this were decided upon the award might be made by the Professor of Pathology, the Professor of Pathological Chemistry and the Professor of Clinical Medicine.

Either of these proposals would seem to me to be suitable and I do not need to assure you that it will always be a matter of pride for the University to have your brother's name associated with it in some worthy memorial.

With kind regards, I am,

Yours sincerely,

President.